

Pet News

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All of the volunteers here at Delta County Humane Society want to wish you a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and thank all of our adopters and donors who love their animals and help support our rescue organization !!

In addition, we would like to send out special thank yous to the following parties – those people who help us to make what we do possible . . .

Veterinarians: Gretta Carmichael, DVM William Houseweart, DVM Allan Dorr, DVM
Clark Martin, DVM Jeff Hirsch, DVM Susan Raymond, DVM
Susie Hirsch, DVM Natalya O'Regan, DVM

Alpine Fence
Altrusa International
Amazon.com
Animal Assistance Foundation

City Market
Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund
Adopt-A-Pet.com
County of Delta, Colorado
Dave McKean Estate
Delta Ace Hardware

Delta County Independent
Feral cat trappers – Fran G. & Melissa H.
Feral cat colony caretakers
Surface Creek Animal Shelter
Tails Adoption Center

PetSmart Charities
The Center for Mental Health
Rusty B.
sPaw Groomer
Kats Grooming
Sisson Feed
ReMAX Today - Delta

Wal-Mart Supercenter – Delta
Tractor Supply Company
Dr. James Black
Second Edition
Kong Company

Heirlooms for Hospice
High Country Shopper
Pedigree Foundation
Petfinder.com
1-800-PetMeds

Marquerite S.
Tryon Family
Tempe B.
Christina B.

John H.
Dolores B.
Jean H.
Vivian G.
Stacy G.
Tara I.

Helen J.
Karen B.
Karen H.
Vivian G.
Marcie and Wade L.
Candice M.
Lynn C.
Lavonne S.
Patty F.
Yvonne R.
Lue S.
Garry & Margaret S.
Denis & Beth S.

. . . and a special thank you to our wonderful foster parents: Carol, Joan, Jackie, Chris, Kathie, The Rhineharts, Quincy, Kelley and Antony!!
. . . and our phone volunteers, Edna & Sharon, who tirelessly respond to all of your messages !!

... and we would also like to extend a Special Thank You to a former foster Mom – Carol Lacy



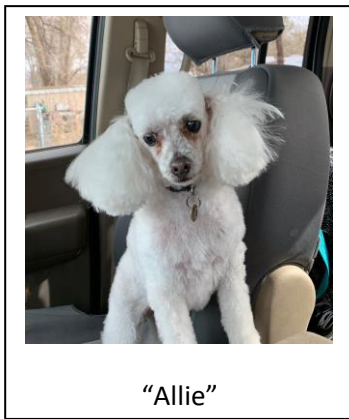
Carol Lacy joined forces with DCHS in 2008. She lived in Hotchkiss, Colorado, living by herself as an independent woman. When she first signed on with us, she took in big dogs and provided foster care for all of them with a loving heart.

One example of her love for dogs was when a Boxer/American Bulldog was brought into Doc Vincent with a bullet wound to the back of its head. After the bullet was removed from the dog's chin, and the damage repaired, Carol stepped in to

provide the 24/7 care that the dog required. She tended to the dog's needs – food, medication, bandage changing, but mostly love. The Boxer/Bulldog thrived under her care and was eventually adopted by her forever family.

When DCHS used to have monthly pick-a-pets, Carol was likely to be in attendance with the dogs she was caring for at the time. She has a winning personality and could easily tell prospective adopters about each dog she was fostering – many dogs were adopted thanks to Carol. She also was a great cook, and the foster moms who worked with Carol can attest to her baking skills, fondly remembering her delicious refrigerator cookies.

In 2010, Carol had to switch to fostering smaller dogs due to her own health issues. We are sorry to say that she is now in assisted living, and her family had to ask us for our help in finding homes for her own two dogs, Allie and Cayenne. We are pleased to report that both dogs have found new homes with senior citizens in our area.



Carol, we want to give you our sincere thank-yous for all the love and kindness you bestowed on each foster dog at your home. It takes a special heart like yours to provide the love and devotion in caring for our 4-footed friends. We love you, Carol !!

Our recent adoptions



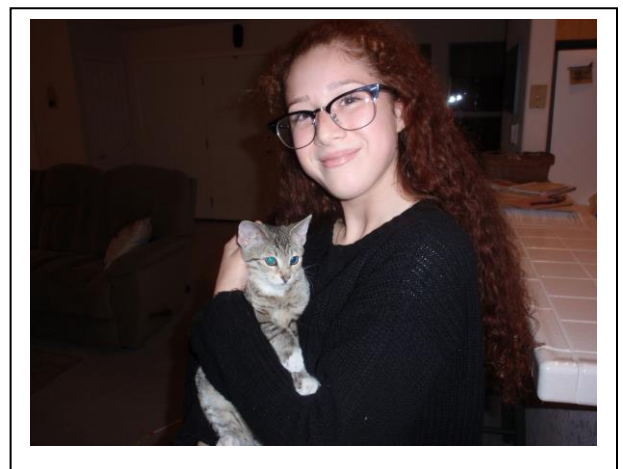
← Our foster parents, Kelley & Antony, in Paonia, Colo. adopted out “Marmite” on November 27, 2019, to Brenda and Betsy, also of Paonia. The two ladies were looking for a playmate for their six-month-old tortoiseshell kitten, who was apparently annoying their older cat. Now, we figure, the two younger cats can annoy each other.

Brenda and Betsy have done spay and neuter work with cats in Peru, so we are sure that Marmite will have a good home with gals who understand cats. Thank you both!

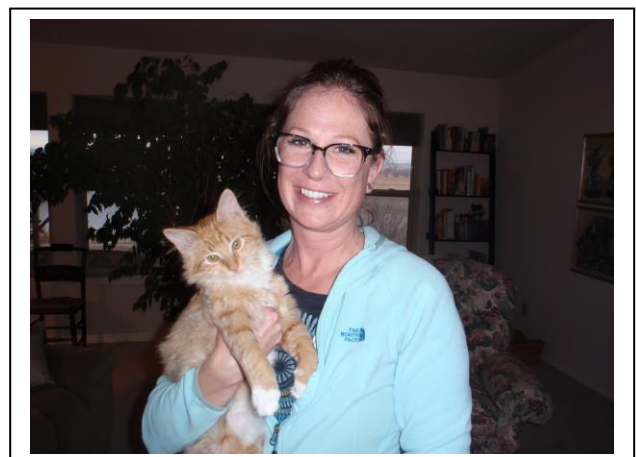
“Weezie” was the lucky kitten on December 11 when Isabelle came with her mother, Brittany, to adopt this little cutie with the big blue eyes. Joan, our foster mom in Delta, could tell it was love at first sight between Isabelle and Weezie, and now this kitten has a forever home in Clifton, Colo. Thank you for opening your hearts to a rescue kitty! →

FUN FACT:

Greyhounds
can attain
speeds of over
43 mph.



“Whiskers” went home with Pam, of Olathe, Colo. on December 23 – he is going to be a Christmas present for her 11-yr-old daughter. However, Whiskers will also have a family of four, an older cat, and a dog to keep him company. What a way to start the new year! →



6 Tips to Control Litter Box Odor

By Jane Harrell

Litter box odor can be the toughest part of living with a cat. Even if it doesn't bother you, having friends over who "smell cat" is embarrassing. On the other hand, having friends over who remark about seeing, but not smelling, your cat feels great.



Here are some simple steps you can take to fight the stink and keep you and your cat happy:

1. **Scoop the box daily or more.** Old urine and feces might not be as pungent to you as the fresh stuff, but the longer it sits there, the more likely it is the smell will invade the rest of your house. Scoop your litter box early and often to cut down the odor.
2. **Replace the litter twice a week.** Even if you scoop every time your cat uses the litter box, you're bound to miss some. And even a tiny bit gets stinky over time. To combat this, regularly dump out the litter, wash the box with soap and warm water (not ammonia-based cleaners — ammonia can make the smell worse), dry it and put fresh litter in.
3. **Replace the litter box once a year.** Over time, your cat's claws and your scooper can make small grooves in the bottom and sides of your litter box. These grooves are harder to sterilize and can hold onto odor. Avoid this by donating your used litter box to a shelter or rescue group yearly and treating your cat to a new box.
4. **Try litter deodorizers.** Using a little baking soda or deodorizer in your litter box can go a long way to a fresher house. However, many cats will stop using heavily-scented litter boxes, so make sure to use a deodorizer that both you and your cat will like (or one that's unscented). Sprinkle a little bit of the deodorizer over the litter every time you scoop the litter box.
5. **Find a brand of litter that smells best to you (and your cat).** Try using a different litter in each litter box in your home and seeing (a) which litter your cat prefers and (b) which litter controls the odor the best. You might just find that you and your cat have a litter preference in common.
6. **Keep the litter box in a well-ventilated area.** One of the biggest mistakes cat parents can make is putting the litter box in a tiny, dark and hidden space. This just allows the odor to concentrate. Plus, if it's unpleasant for your cat to use, he'll be more likely to find somewhere else to go — perhaps in the center of your bed. Keep your litter box in a well-ventilated spot where the scent can easily disperse and there's enough light and room for your cat to get in, move around and come out comfortably.

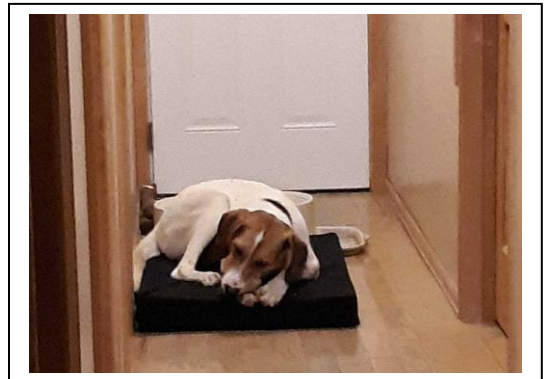


(left to right) Miranda, Tina (holding Sully) and Miriah Rhinehart, with Jackie Dapkus on the far right from the Surface Creek Animal Shelter

We are so happy to welcome back the Rhinehart family members again as foster parents for the Delta County Humane Society. They previously fostered dogs for DCHS, but needed to take a break for personal reasons. Miranda, Tina and Miriah prefer to take in one dog at a time, giving that dog all the love and attention it can stand, before adopting it to its forever home. It is our understanding that Miranda does most of the training involved with each dog, but the foster care is definitely a “family affair.”

DCHS partners with other rescue groups in Delta County, which means that sometimes we surrender one of our animals to another rescue group, or DCHS takes in an animal from another rescue group if need be. In this case, the Surface Creek Animal Shelter in Cedaredge, Colo., had a surplus of dogs so the Rhineharts made a trip to check out their canines and decided on fostering “Sully,” a one-year-old mixed breed. They took him home from the shelter on December 14, and will give him some time to settle in before placing him up for adoption.

We received this photo of Sully on Dec.15 – it doesn’t look like it took him any time at all to settle in. By the time you read this newsletter, he should be ready for adoption . . . *hint, hint.* →
WELCOME BACK, RHINEHARTS & THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE OF DOGS!



We have just one “pup-date” this time from our friend, Emma Lou



← Here’s “Emma Lou” in the forefront, just chillin’ with her friend. Cliff and Linda adopted Emma in 2018, and each update photo we receive from them continues to show us what a wonderful life she has. Thank you both for taking Emma into your lives!

“Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet.” — M. H. Clark

FOUND CAT. Cream color. Well cared for. No collar/ tags. Doubt it's chipped. Can't keep it because my dog seems afraid of it.



DOORBELL



MAILMAN



BURGLARY



CHEESE WRAPPER



The Gift

*Eyes fearful, paws worn
A sorrowful sight
So forlorn*

*Love they said would be the cure
For the suffering
You had endured*

*So our family grew that day
We brought you home
With us you'd stay*

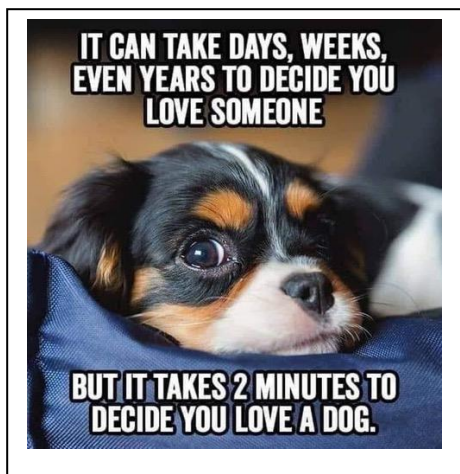
*Slowly, gently the bond it grew
Faithful, loyal
Loving, true*

*Looking back it's so unclear
How we got by
Without you here*

*Trusted companion,
devoted friend
You give and give
It never ends*

*They said we were a gift to you
But now we know
Who rescued who*

—J.M. BERRY



The Delta County Humane Society is a non-profit organization. This means all of your donations of money and materials are tax deductible. The organization is not funded by your government tax dollars. This is why YOUR membership and donations are so very vital to us. As many of you are aware, we have only a small force of volunteers who care for the abandoned and unwanted animals in their homes until they can be provided with a permanent and suitable home. If you are concerned with the well-being of our animals and would like to help financially with a membership or donation, please fill out this form and return it with your check. If you have material items with a value, please call our office (970-874-2149) and leave a message. (We are always in need of blankets, towels, dog houses and runs, pet food, carriers, collars, leashes, food bowls, large food storage containers, wire fencing, etc.)

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